



**Written Only Testimony in Support of HB 2447  
Kansas House Committee on Elections  
Kansas College Republicans**

Chairman Proctor and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of HB 2447. My name is Trace Simmons, and I am the National Committeeman for the Kansas College Republicans. I support this bill because a presidential preference primary is easier for college students to participate in than a caucus process.

A caucus process requires voters to be in a specific place at a specific time and often takes several hours. That is difficult for college students who are balancing classes, work, and other commitments. A primary election is much simpler. Students can vote quickly and privately, making it far more accessible.

HB 2447 would also place Kansas on Super Tuesday. Elections held on Super Tuesday receive much more attention from the media and campaigns. When students see candidates and issues being discussed on campus and in the news, they are more likely to get involved and vote.

Most importantly, holding the election earlier gives students a real reason to participate. When the nomination process is still ongoing, students know their vote matters. That sense of relevance helps drive turnout and encourages long-term civic engagement.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the committee to support HB 2447. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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